

21. The food of claim 20 which is selected from the group consisting of milk, yogurt, curd, cheese, fermented milks, milk based fermented products, ice-creams, fermented cereal based products, milk based powders, infant formulae, tablets, liquid bacteria suspensions, dried oral supplement, liquid oral supplement, dry tube feeding and liquid tube feeding.

22. The food of claim 20 wherein the Lactobacillus is capable of growing in the presence of up to 0.4% bile salts.

23. The food of claim 20 wherein the Lactobacillus is selected from the group consisting of Lactobacillus rhamnosus and Lactobacillus paracasei.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment Claims 3 and 6-11 have been amended and newly submitted Claims 12-23 have been added. This Preliminary Amendment does not add new matter. Further, Applicants note that the Preliminary Amendment is not being made for purposes of patentability but, merely to comport the claims to U.S. practice and/or to add additional claims. Applicants do not intend to disclaim any subject matter in view of the amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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